

waterway. As a promotional measure, Central Inland Water Transport Corporation have recently started a mechanised monthly cargo service between Calcutta and Patna.

[English]

Trade promotion in North-Eastern

1495. SHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE: will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have recently taken some steps to promote trade in the North-Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a perspective plan paper has been drafted to give fillip to the economy; and

(d) if so, the details of the plan and the transit routes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Trade Development Authority had prepared an Action Plan for Promotion of Exports from North-Eastern Region. The Plan identified potential products of the region, institutional infrastructure for export production and export marketing and suggested product specific time-bound export strategy for boosting exports from the North Eastern States.

(d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT

The products/Nodal organisations identified for export thrust from the North-Eastern region

I PRODUCTS

- a. Cotton Handloom - Laishingphee, Tribal fabrics

- b. Silk Goods - Dress material, Furnishing fabrics, Scarves & Stoles, Sarees, Ties, Ladies Gowns & Nighties

- c. Handicrafts (cane & Bamboo) - Planters/Baskets, Furniture, Tableware, Decoration cum Utility items

- d. Processed Fruits - Pineapple products.

II. ORGANISATIONS

1. NODAL ORGANISATIONS

- a. North-Eastern Handloom and Handicrafts Development Corporation (NEHHDC)
- b. North-Eastern Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC)

III OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- a. State Development Corporations
- b. Other major Manufacturing Organisations

Export of Mica and Mica Scrap

1496. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation and Mica Trading Corporation of India Ltd. are the two main collaborating agencies which export mica and mica scrap;

(b) if so, the role played by these two public sector companies to promote export of mica and mica scrap during the last three years; and